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| David WALLACH et al |) | Art Unit: 1643 |
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| Appln. No.: 10/814,160 |) | Examiner: S. L. Rawlings |
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| For: CASPASE-8 INTERACTING |) | May 1, 2007 |
| PROTEINS |) | |

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendments
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the official action of March 1, 2007. In this communication, the examiner stated that applicant's response filed on February 16, 2007, was not fully responsive to the official action of January 16, 2007, because applicant failed to respond to the species election requirement.

Applicant's oversight in failing to respond to the species requirement is regretted. In order to be responsive to the examiner's requirement, appearing in section 5, beginning on page 10, of the official action of January 16, 2007, applicant hereby elects the species (a) that is a

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polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.

The following claims are believed to read on the elected species: Claims 1-4, 6, 8-17 and 27.

It is pointed out that Fig. 7 shows the close and largely overlapping relationship between the sequences of SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7.

The present communication is fully responsive to the notice of incomplete response dated March 1, 2007, and completes the response to the official action of January 16, 2007. Accordingly, prompt consideration on the merits and allowance of the claims now present in the case, particularly in view of the allowance of the corresponding proteins in the parent case that has issued as U.S. patent 6,762,283, are hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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